

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS ACT (Cap 2A)

#### NOTIFICATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT AND CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development notifies tea industry stakeholders and members of the public that the Ministry has prepared the Tea (Levy) Regulations 2024, the Tea (Licensing and Registration) Regulations, 2024, Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the respective Regulatory Impact Statements, Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders in the Tea Board of Kenya, Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry and Tea Blending Requirements.

In compliance with the Constitution and the Statutory Instruments Act, the Ministry invites tea industry stakeholders, members of the public, and all interested parties, to submit their comments, views and inputs on the aforementioned Regulations, the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Conduct, the Regulatory Impact Statements, the Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry and Tea Blending Requirements.

The documents have been prepared pursuant to the Tea Act as follows:-

**(1) Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and the Regulatory Impact Statement on Regulations;**

These Regulations provide for the manner of levying and collecting the tea levy in line with the powers given to the Cabinet Secretary under Section 53 of the Tea Act No. 23 of 2020. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024.

**(2) The Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024 and the Regulatory Impact Statement on the Regulations**

These Regulations provide for the registration and licensing of tea value chain players, the terms and conditions of Licensing and Registration and the appeal process in case of denial or refusal. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024.

**(3) Corporate Governance Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector and the Regulatory Impact Statement on the Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.**

The purpose of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct is to provide for enhanced accountability in the tea sector and align it with best corporate government practices to pave way for a revitalized and ethically governed industry. The Regulatory Impact Statement contains detailed information on the anticipated impacts of the Corporate Governance Guidelines and Conduct of Conduct.

**(4) Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders in the Board;**

The Purpose of the Manuals is to provide election requirements, principles, processes, and dispute resolution mechanisms for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers, Large Scale Tea Growers and Tea Traders at the Tea Board of Kenya.

**(5) Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;**

The purpose of the requirements is to provide for procedures and standards for handling pre- and post-harvested green leaf including green leaf transportation to ensure production of high-quality teas;

**(6) Tea Blending Requirements.**

The purpose of the blending requirements is to guide on blending and handling of made tea.

The above documents can be accessed on the Ministry's website at [www.kilimo.go.ke](http://www.kilimo.go.ke) and at the Tea Board of Kenya's website at [www.teaboard.or.ke](http://www.teaboard.or.ke).

**The Ministry will also hold public forums to discuss the documents. The proposed consultations are scheduled to be held as follows:-**

	DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENT/DOCUMENT	DATE	VENUE	TARGET GROUP
<b>NAIROBI</b>				
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector;</li> <li>Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024; on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024; and on the Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.</li> <li>Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;</li> <li>Tea Blending Requirements.</li> </ul>	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Tea Board of Kenya Offices, Tea House, Naivasha Rd, <b>Nairobi</b>	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large- scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories, Tea Traders and Management Agents.
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2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>The Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> </ul>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Nokras Riverine Hotel & Spa <b>Sagana</b>	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large -scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers and Large Scale Tea Growers in the Tea Board of Kenya;</li> <li>Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector;</li> <li>The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.</li> <li>Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;</li> <li>Tea Blending Requirements.</li> </ul>	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 starting at 10.00 am	Nokras Riverine Hotel & Spa <b>Sagana</b>	Small-Scale, Medium Scale and large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
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3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> </ul>	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 starting at 10.00am	Sunshine Hotel in <b>Kericho</b>	Small-scale, Medium scale and Large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manuals for election of persons to represent Small-Scale and Medium Scale Tea Growers and Large Scale Tea Growers in the Tea Board of Kenya;</li> <li>Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector;</li> <li>The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.</li> <li>Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;</li> <li>Tea Blending Requirements.</li> </ul>	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 starting at 10.00am	Sunshine Hotel in <b>Kericho</b>	Small-Scale, Medium Scale and large-scale Tea Growers, Tea Factories and Tea Traders.
<b>MOMBASA</b>				
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> <li>Regulatory Impact Statements on the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2024 and on the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2024;</li> </ul>	22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025 starting at 10.00 am	Tea Trade Centre <b>Mombasa</b>	Tea Traders & Auction Organizers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manuals for election of persons to represent Tea Traders in the Tea Board of Kenya;</li> <li>Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector;</li> <li>The Regulatory Impact Statement on the Corporate Governance Guidelines &amp; Code of Conduct for the Tea Sector.</li> <li>Green Leaf Quality requirements for the Kenya Tea Industry;</li> <li>Tea Blending Requirements.</li> </ul>	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025 starting at 10.00am	Tea Trade Centre <b>Mombasa</b>	Tea Traders & Auction Organizers.

Written submissions should be sent using the Public Comments/Feedback Form provided through [info@teaboard.or.ke](mailto:info@teaboard.or.ke) or hand delivered to the address provided below, not later than Fourteen days (14) from the date of this notice addressed to:

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